

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1 - 20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) ~~A method according to claim 19,~~

A method for leasing threads into guide elements of a treatment device for treating the threads, comprising the steps of

leasing the threads into at least one leasing comb,

fastening the threads onto said comb, and

subsequently pulling the threads with the leasing comb through the treatment device,

whereby the threads are transferred to the guide elements, wherein

the leasing comb is pulled in steps through the device,

the movement of the leasing comb is temporarily interrupted after passing the guide elements, and

the leasing comb is positioned with respect to the guide element before the threads are transferred to the guide element, and comprising the further step of

removing the guide elements out of a path formed for the threads in the treatment device, prior to leasing and moving back the guide elements after passing the leasing comb into the path of the threads, whereby the threads are taken up by the guide elements.

22. (currently amended) ~~A method according to claim 19;~~

A method for leasing threads into guide elements of a treatment device for treating the threads, comprising the steps of

leasing the threads into at least one leasing comb,

fastening the threads onto said comb, and

subsequently pulling the threads with the leasing comb through the treatment device,

whereby the threads are transferred to the guide elements, wherein

the leasing comb is pulled in steps through the device,

the movement of the leasing comb is temporarily interrupted after passing the guide elements, and

the leasing comb is positioned with respect to the guide element before the threads are transferred to the guide element, and

~~wherein~~ said leasing comb has leasing interstices for receiving the threads, whose arrangement corresponds to an arrangement of interstices in the guide elements, and aligning projections which are in alignment with the leasing interstices, said method comprising the step of aligning the leasing comb to the guide elements such that the aligning projections of the leasing comb may be brought into engagement with the interstices of the guide elements.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 22, comprising the further step of pushing the interstices of the guide elements over the aligning projections when the guide elements are moved back into the path for the threads.

24 - 27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) ~~An auxiliary device according to claim 26;~~

An auxiliary device for leasing threads into guide elements of a device for treating the threads, wherein the auxiliary device is formed as a leasing comb comprising an arrangement for the ordered fastening of the threads on the leasing comb and wherein the leasing comb has aligning elements for aligning the leasing comb onto the guide elements, wherein

the leasing comb is provided with a plurality of leasing interstices arranged next to one another, for receiving the threads and

said aligning elements are designed as aligning projections which are aligned onto said leasing interstices, and which may be brought into engagement with interstices in the guide elements.

29. (currently amended) An auxiliary device according to claim ~~26~~ 28, wherein the leasing comb is designed as a stack of platelets,

wherein first platelets are arranged at a distance to one another thereby forming leasing interstices and

wherein second platelets are arranged as distancers between said first platelets.

30. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 29, wherein said second platelets form a rest surface for threads in the leasing interstices.

31. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 29, wherein the second platelets have projections serving as aligning elements.

32. (currently amended) An auxiliary device according to claim ~~25~~ 28, wherein the leasing comb has holding elements for the temporary receiving and holding of the leasing comb in receiving devices allocated to the guide elements.

33 - 34. (canceled)

35. (currently amended) ~~A combination according to claim 33;~~ A combination of a device for treating threads comprising at least one guide element through which the threads may be guided, and at least one leasing comb, on which the threads are fastenable in an ordered manner and from which the threads may be transferred by said guide elements, wherein the leasing comb has aligning elements for aligning the leasing comb on said at least one guide element,  
wherein said at least one guide element is moveable out of a path for the threads.

36. (canceled)